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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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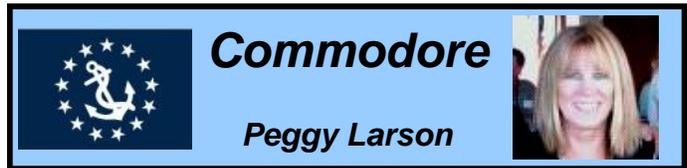
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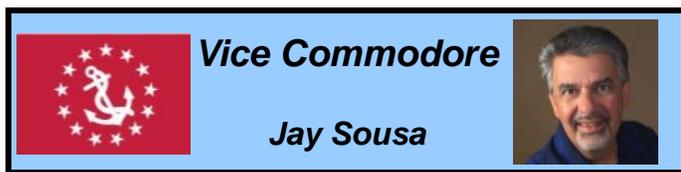


Good news is, the drought year is almost over! Come on rain!! We had our end of season party and, as usual, Matt and Ed did a really fun job of the trophy presentations. Thank you both for all the time, energy and thought into each one of them. The ballots were passed out but once again there were no names to choose from so it appears to be predetermined. Both Bridgette Bowers and Rachel Hadley stepped up to the plate at the very last minute, swear there was no alcohol involved in the decision making, and are now on our 2016 Board. Looks like we have a strong Board once again. Thank you all for volunteering to be on the Board! As always the food and conversations were great and the moon with the huge ring around it was a nice ending of the evening. Our next general and Board meeting will be November 10 and although there's really not a lot to discuss we can still enjoy the potluck and beautiful evening so hope to see you there, if not I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. See you in the yard!



Well by the time you read this I will have only one month remaining of my three year term as Vice Commodore, Commodore and Past Commodore. It has been a pleasure serving the LYSA Board and membership. We have some many great members who make the monthly meetings and functions very enjoyable. I hope every member can step up and do their part. Without participation, we have no club.

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On a happier note our year-end party, election of officers and Matt & Ed awards was a fun, well-attended event. Held on Saturday October 24th almost fifty LYSA members gathered for a beautiful evening of eating and socializing at our clubhouse.

The 2016 LYSA Board was elected and the winners are...

- Commodore Jay Sousa
- Vice Commodore Bridgett Loeffler
- Past Commodore Peg Larson
- Treasurer Diane Sousa
- Secretary Chris Martin
- Racing Rachel Hadley
- House Linda Sorensen
- Docks John Larson
- Cruising and Social Matt Loeffler

Please make sure to save the date of our annual LYSA Christmas party at the Fish and Game Club at Lake Yosemite. This fun and popular party is set for Saturday December 12th. Watch your E-mail for more details in the weeks to come.

Also our next club potluck/meeting is Tuesday November 10th at 6:30. Please bring a potluck item to share and your own drinks.

Some columns are hard to write. This is one of them.

LYSA has lost two members of our sailing family this year. Tim Jantzen passed away earlier this year from pancreatic cancer. Tim and his wife Ruth had been members of the club for years. Tim is greatly missed as a club member and a friend.

Many of you by now have heard of the passing of Dave Mosher, also from cancer, on October 22nd. Dave was one of the best sailors and mentors that LYSA has known. He was a fierce racer but always took the time to help other sailors to improve. He would often hop aboard a boat on our Thursday night races to help an inexperienced racer do better. Dave also gave of his time to put on race clinics for our membership. A memorial service for Dave will be held on Saturday November 21st at 11:00AM at Valley Community School in Atwater.

As we head into the holiday season please keep Ruth and Katie and all of Tim and Dave's families in your thoughts.

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This article will also be roughly my 35th Light Air article. It is hard to comprehend writing that many articles. I hope some of them have been enlightening. Of course, I can still be creative and submit articles whenever I want to. However, I might take a little breather.

The past 2 years have been unusual to say the least and somewhat challenging. Without water it makes it a little difficult to run a "sailing" club. However, in spite of our challenges, our regular LYSA events have been very successful and our Thursday night dinners have been very popular. Thanks to all of you for attending. And, a special thanks to the others who donated the delicious main courses.

Next year sounds a lot more promising in terms of water and SAILING!!

I wish all the best to the new Board members for a wonderful 2016 season.

Happy Sailing!!

Fondly,

Suzanne

Membership Meeting

Join us at the Clubhouse
on Tuesday, October 13th

6:30 pm *Potluck Social*

7:00 *General Membership Meeting*

Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.



Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler



Hello All,
 October has come and gone. Ed, Mike, and Bryan took their friends and family to Monterey and it sounds like they had a great time sailing with whales. We had our awards and elections party. I think the food was great, and as always the company was better. I'm sure you have seen in other people's reports that new officers were selected and I'll be with you another year. Ed and I passed out 7 "Ed

and Matt" awards, mostly honoring the great people that cooked wonderful Thursday night dinners. Plus one special award going to Mr. Thom for his expertise at catching mice.

Now I want you all to start getting ready for the End of the Year Christmas party. It will be held at the Fish and Game building again, and is scheduled to happen on December 12, a Saturday. Dinner is slated to start at 6, appetizers at 4 or 5, depending upon when you get there. Please bring something nice and Christmassy. And I think we should keep the "New Tradition" of the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest going. So get those knitting needles flying. See you there and keep all those good vibes going to get more



Secretary

Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on October 13, 2015 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Peg Larson Presiding. 13 members attended. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: None

Motion: Moved by Matt to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Diane. **Motion carried.**

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Peg Larson: Welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report:

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Communications:

Diane requested the Board consider a change in the by-laws regarding Membership.

Discussion: The LYSA By-laws only refer to delinquent dues, Diane is requesting that language be changed to state that if the Club has not received payment for item, the Member will no longer be a Member in good standing. Members who are not in good standing can not use the house, race, participate in club events, etc.

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association
(LYSA)
MINUTES
Membership and Board Meetings
Meeting Date: October 13, 2015

Public record in the November newsletter that the by-laws have been changed.

John Derby – suggested that 90 days is sufficient, after 90 days the member will no longer be in good standing

The membership of any Member who has any outstanding bills, invoices or fees more than ninety (90) days delinquent will be notified that his or her membership privileges have been suspended, he or she will no longer be a Member in good standing, and will not be permitted to use the house, race, participate in club events, etc. Members will be restored to active Member status when outstanding bills, invoices or fees are paid in full.

Motion: Moved by Matt Loeffler, Second by John Derby. **Motion carried.**

Budget and membership report distributed to members and reviewed.

Current membership 65 members.

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Balances reviewed in account, CD and home improvement fund.

Matt thanked those who donated dessert, Jr. Sailing made \$505, remaining balance \$1283. Fish and Game is paid, balance could be used for Year End / Christmas party.

Diane asked about billing for winter storage.

Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Discussion regarding members who would like to run for Board positions. John will run for Dock Captain, If we do not have a vice commodore, we will not have a commodore, The club will not exist. Our Articles as a non-profit indicate that there will be a vice commodore to serve as commodore. If we do not have a commodore, we will not be able to act as a non-profit.

Thom suggested Chris Tomford.

Dennis: we need to have new, fresh members to have the general membership views represented.

Peg: suggestion – if you have a Board that listens to the General Membership, there is nothing wrong with keeping the same members on the Board. might be a good idea to keep the same Board. Something to think about.

John Derby – suggestion: Meetings are one hour, not allowed to go over. Jay – next year our meetings will have an agenda and meetings will not go over an hour.

Racing Captain, Dennis Wainwright:

Nothing to report

Port Captain, John Larson:

New lock on the gate, all the fingers have cleats. Water has been broken three times, it's turned off Discussion of El Nino and rain expected.

House Captain, Thom Grimaldi:

12 mice killed so far, Screen door painted. Electric blower bought for the yard.

Jay asked about the ice maker. Thom said it's not working but he is planning on working on it.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler / Brigitte Loeffler:

Need to get together with Thom and Jay to plan End of Year (10/24/15) and Christmas Dinner (12/12/15)

Asked who did Thursday Night dinners: Dan Farmer, Chris Cooper, Wes Unruh, John and Peg Larson Dennis and Chrissy, Matt Loeffler, Matt would like acknowledge their contribution

This weekend Matt will go to Treasure Island to watch Casey race Flying Juniors. Jay asked Matt to have Casey write a newsletter article.

Secretary, Chris Martin:

Nothing to report

Commodore, Peggy Larson:

Jean Okuye asked to use the club house to 8:30 to 10 for house for power point. Kayak instructor training. \$25 per person online. To become a volunteer instructor

Old Business: - None

New Business: - None

The Good of the Order: John Derby suggested a project to consider: upgrading the launch building / boathouse / sheriff's building. John is willing to lead the project to remove the building and will look into that. Thom suggested we dock the committee boat in the boathouse.

Craig went to the Home Improvement Show at the Fairgrounds. There was a vendor who makes custom windows, seemed to be priced reasonably. Craig suggested we replace the windows in the house. Peg asked Craig to get an estimate.

Matt – Ryan asked if there is interest in entering a boat in the Atwater Christmas Parade.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Potluck at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by John to adjourn, and Second by Chrissy. **Motion carried.** Membership / Board meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

Secretary

Date of Approval

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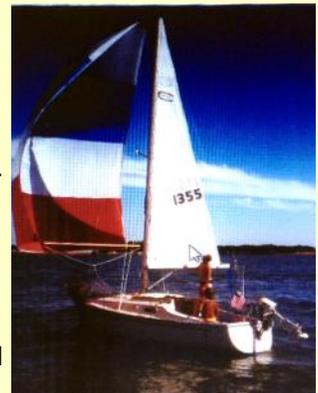
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- **Come** to monthly Membership meetings.
- **Please** drain and place recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the proper containers.
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- **Submit** an article to the Newsletter or share the Newsletter with a friend.



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